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As a general rule, these factors are designed to help assess whether the jobs associated with a particular Project are sustainable. Projects that involve industries in declining sectors or sectors with little economic future, as well as Projects that are of a high risk nature or unable to secure adequate funding through the private sector, are unlikely to be awarded Grants absent a compelling showing of factors that suggest sustainability in a particular case.

(l) Factors related to the environmental impact of the Project, as reflected in measures such as the following:

1. the nature of the business to be conducted.
2. the ability of the Project to satisfy State, federal, and local environmental law and regulations.

N.C. Sess. Laws 2002-172 §2.1(b)(5).

Inquiry will be made of the North Carolina Department of Environmental, and Natural Resources with respect to the nature of a Project being considered for a Grant. Projects that are at significant risk of being unable to satisfy State, federal, and local environmental law and regulations are unlikely to be awarded Grants. Projects that pose significant risks to the environment are less likely to be funded.

(m) The degree to which use of the Program has been geographically dispersed among the various regions of the State and between rural and urban areas. N.C. Sess Laws 2002-172 §2.1(b)(6).

The Committee will strive to achieve geographic diversity with its Grants. The Committee will track the businesses with which Grants are discussed, Applications received, and Grants awarded. Assuming all threshold criteria are met and that a Grant is necessary to secure the Project, decisions to award or not to award may be made on the geographic location of the Project to ensure that the benefits of the Program are dispersed.

(n) The past performance of the Applicant or any proposed party to an Agreement under other Grants.

To the extent an Applicant or proposed party to an Agreement can be determined to have a poor performance record under other Grants, in particular, economic development performance-based Grants, that factor will weigh against award of a Grant.